

115TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 4484

To amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to prohibit the imposition of a nondisclosure agreement as a condition of the payment of any award or settlement in connection with a violation of such Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Mr. STEWART (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Victims’ Voice and
5 Transparency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF NONDISCLOSURE**
2 **AGREEMENT AS CONDITION OF AWARD OR**
3 **SETTLEMENT UNDER CONGRESSIONAL AC-**
4 **COUNTABILITY ACT OF 1995.**

5 (a) PROHIBITION.—Section 401 of the Congressional
6 Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1401) is amended—

7 (1) by striking “Except as otherwise provided”
8 and inserting “(a) PROCEDURES AVAILABLE.—Ex-
9 cept as otherwise provided”; and

10 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(b) PROHIBITING IMPOSITION OF NONDISCLOSURE
13 AGREEMENTS.—A nondisclosure agreement may not be
14 imposed on any party as a condition of the payment of
15 any award or settlement in connection with a violation of
16 part A of title II.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to awards and set-
19 tlements paid in connection with the Congressional Ac-
20 countability Act of 1995 on or after the date of the enact-
21 ment of this Act.

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